



Discussion with Church President

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I talked with Alvin Deforest, President of St Peters Lutheran Church of Alder, this morning. He said the Church Council was not meeting until Sunday Sept 23, and he has the issue of a new well on the agenda for that meeting. He said he had some initial discussions with key members on the issue of a new well, and the reaction so far is that they feel they have two good wells and don't really need a new well. He also added that the church membership is somewhat divided on the issue of whether in-situ mining should be allowed in the area, and the church has tried to remain neutral on the issue. He and other church leaders have concern that allowing UEC to provide a new well might disrupt that neutrality.

I asked him to also pose the question of whether the church would be agreeable to having their wells used as observation wells if UEC or EPA were to do a pump test in the area of the fault. He seem initially positive to this idea, and would take this question to the Council as well. He asked that we send him an email describing what the roles of the church wells would be in such a test, so he could accurately describe it to the Council. Stacey - could you have someone send him a description for this purpose? His email address is alvindeforest@gmail.com

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